



Access to DHS Services

Your Rights; Our Responsibilities

Aloha

Provide a “big picture” about ACCESS and CREATE awareness about discrimination and DHS’ role in preventing discrimination based on national origin and ancestry.

is Committed to these Principles

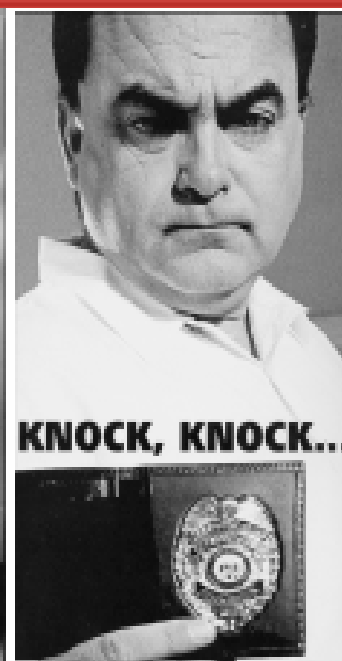
- Providing essential public services in the most effective and efficient manner
- Developing meaningful and reasonable ACCESS to programs, services, activities, buildings and employment
- Compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations

Hawaii's Department of Human Services (DHS)

Located in the crossroads of the Pacific, between Asia and North and South America, is committed to providing equal access to public services to all clients and potential clients.

For example, many divisions traditionally ask their multi-lingual staff to serve as ad hoc interpreters.

Discrimination



HE 'IKE 'ANA IA I KA PONO
One has seen the right thing
to do and has done it.



**Housing discrimination
is against the law!**

If you are a landlord or a realtor and
you refuse a person because of national
origin, ancestry, age, race, color, familial
status, marital status, HIV infection,
disability, religion or sex, **you won't
believe who'll be at your door next.**

If you believe you have been a victim of illegal discrimination, call:

C&C of Honolulu, Fair Housing Officer, 527-5312 or Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Fair Housing Enforcement, 527-8024.

CHINESE 住房歧视是 违反法律的!! 了解您的權利!	JAPANESE JYUTAKU NO SARETSU WA HOU DESU. ANATA NO HOKITSUJYO NO KENRI WO SHIRUKOTO.	KOREAN 주택공급 차별대우는 위법입니다!! 자신의 권리를 알아야합니다!	SAMOAN OLE TETE E INA OSE PALE ONA OLE FAALOGA TAGATA E FAASAINA I LE TULOFONO!! EGA LOU AUA I LE TULOFONO!!	SPANISH " LA DISCRIMINACION DE VIVIENDAS ES CONTRA LA LEY " " CONOZCA SUS DERECHOS "	TAGALOG ANG DISKRIMINASYON SA PABAHAY AY LABAG SA BATAS " ALAMIN ANG IYONG MGA KARAPATAN "	THAI การเลือกปฏิบัติ ในการเช่าบ้าน เป็นสิ่งที่ผิดกฎหมาย!! ท่านมีสิทธิอะไรบ้าง!	VIETNAMESE KỴ THỊ VỀ GIỚI CƯ LÀ TRÁI LỆT " HÃY BIẾT VỀ CÁC QUYỀN CỦA QUÝ VỊ "
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Languages Spoken in Our Homes

U.S. Census Bureau American Fact finder,

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2005, Data Set: 2005 American Community Survey

Native - 711,691

Foreign Born - 161,486

Total Population 873,177

<u>World Region of Birth of Foreign Born</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Total Foreign Born	161,486
Europe	509
Asia	138,967
Africa	551
Oceania	10,824
Latin America	4,372
Northern America	1,680

<u>Language Spoken at Home (=or > 5 yrs. Old)</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Total	807,833
English Only	596,825
Language other than English	211,008
Spanish	12,849
Other Indo-Euro	8,342
Asian and Pac Islander	189,113
Other Languages	704

2005 American Community Survey for Hawaii

published August 15, 2006

Asian	520,564	42.0%
Asian Indian	2,104	0.2%
Chinese	53,346	4.3%
Filipino	185,029	14.9%
Japanese	200,893	16.2%
Korean	26,085	2.1%
Vietnamese	8,264	0.7%
Other Asian	44,843	3.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific islander	105,042	8.5%
Native Hawaiian	73,305	6.1%
Guamanian or Chamorro	2,112	0.2%
Samoan	8,979	0.7%
Other Pacific Islander	18,646	1.5%
Some Other Races	15,644	1.5%
Two or More Races	260,541	21.0%
White and Black or African American	1,961	0.2%
Total Household Population	1,238,158	100%

Hawaii's Immigrant Population

The State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) Research and Economic Analysis Division reports:

Hawaii's Immigrant Population December 2005

Age	Household Population	Migrant Population Estimate
Persons 1-yr. and older	1,239,249	63,857
Less than 18-years	23.4%	24.9%
18 to 24-years	9.2%	18.5%
25 to 44-years	26.7%	41.5%
45 to 64-years	26.7%	10.5%
65-years and over	13.9%	4.7%

What can we “guesstimate?”

The greater percentages of immigrants in the post-school years of 18-24 and 25-44 years **indicates that if they are LEP, they will need language assistance for tasks like paying taxes, riding mass transit, obtaining drivers' licenses, applying for benefits, and so forth.**

However, Race Category may reflect national origin, but not necessarily the need for language assistance.

4199 Written Test from MVLP

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEST UPDATE

2007	Tagalog	Mandarin	Korean	Vietnamese	Japanese	Samoan	Tongan
January	12	58	133	16	189	9	0
February	23	51	62	14	178	18	4
March	24	49	57	16	151	8	10
April	33	56	55	17	105	14	6
May	20	66	66	17	161	2	1
June	20	41	73	12	159	3	1
July	9	73	118	12	187	6	1
August	21	54	80	5	216	6	4
September	28	43	77	15	167	13	2
October	38	59	73	25	183	9	4
November	32	44	43	14	173	6	2
December	14	52	56	8	209	6	2
Total	274	646	893	171	2078	100	37

Total number of test administered on Oahu = 4199

What a City Agency Implemented

- A review of the census data lead to the thought that there is a likelihood for language assistance in the languages of Filipino (Visayan, Tagalog, Ilokano), Japanese, Chinese, and Korean.
- However, we know from day-to-day experience that there is a need for the “Pacific Islander” languages such as Chuukese, Marshallese, Samoan, and Tongan, as well as the “Other Asian” languages such as Laotian, Thai, and Vietnamese.
- Fortunately, DHS has staff possessing multi-lingual skill in some of these languages.

Objectives

- ✓ Understand how cultural stereotypes led to laws that discriminated. As stereotypes eroded, constituencies supported former victims by creating "Protected Classes."
- ✓ Understand what illegal discrimination is, and promote self-change to reduce it.

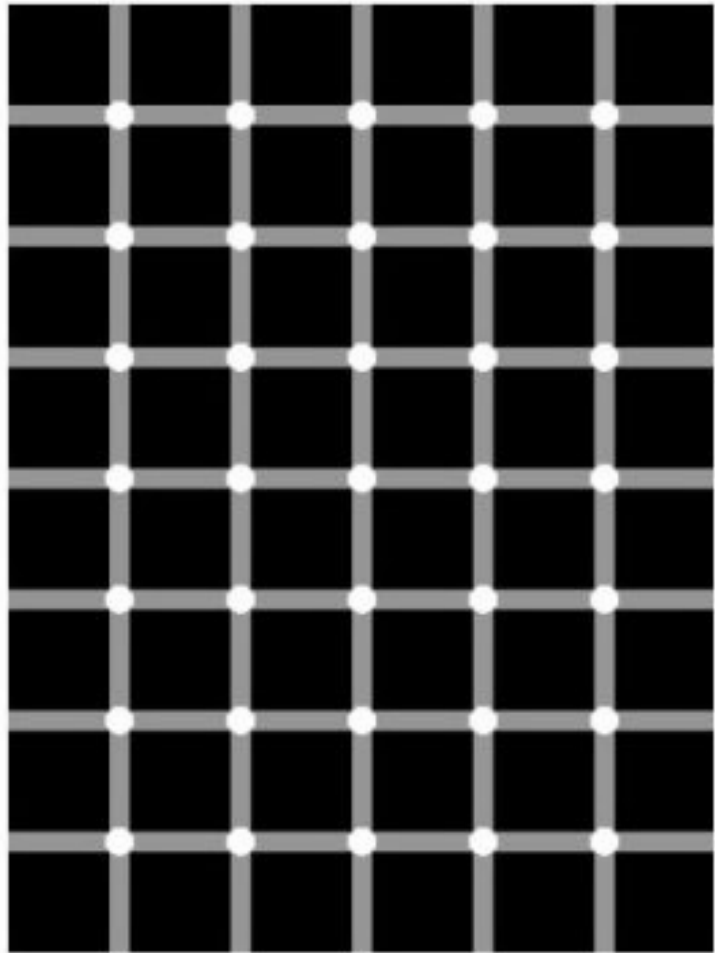
What is “*Discrimination*”?

The word **discrimination** comes from the Latin *discriminare*, which means to "distinguish between". However, **discrimination**, as used in **civil rights**, is more than distinction; it is *action based on prejudice resulting in unfair treatment of other people*. To **discriminate** socially is to make a distinction between people on the basis of a presumed category without regard to individual merit. Examples include race, religion, gender, disability, ethnicity, sexual orientation and age.

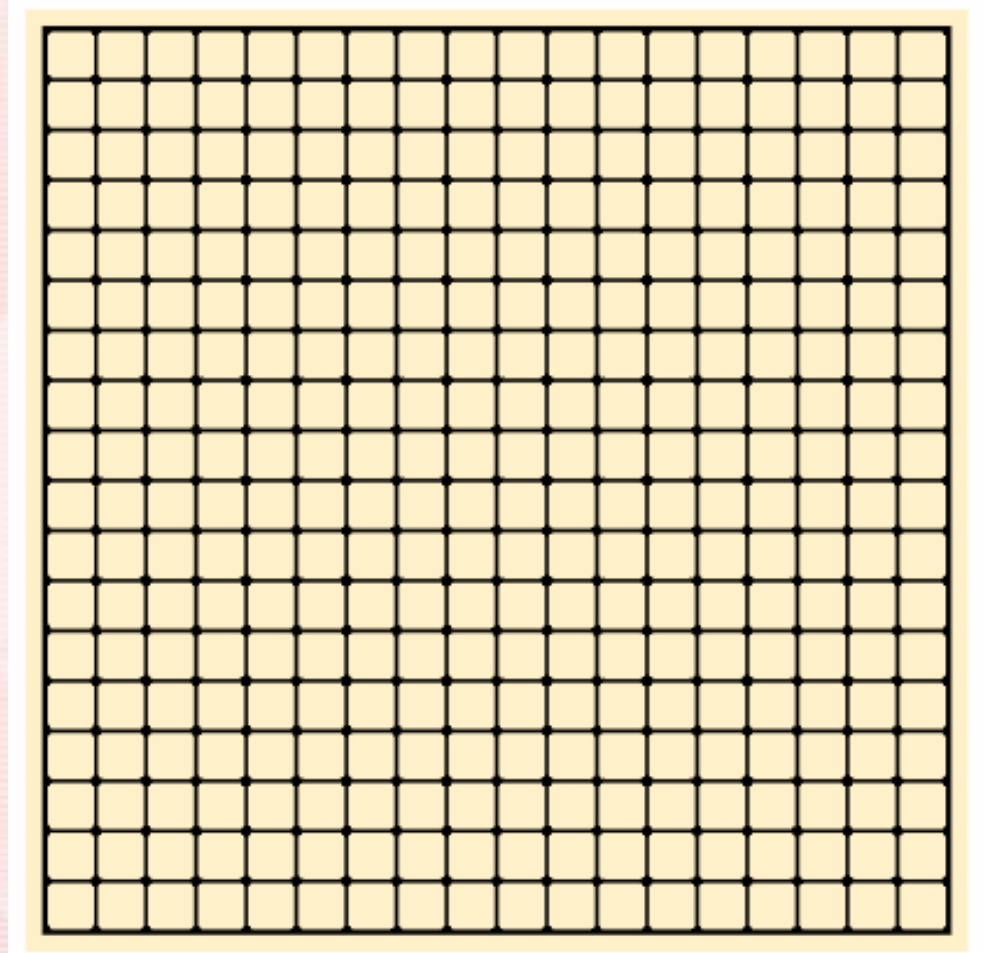
Distinctions between people which are based on individual merit (such as personal achievement, wealth, or skill) are generally not considered socially discriminatory.

In America, each individual's **civil rights** include the *right to be free from government sponsored social discrimination*.

The human mind, naturally “*discriminates*”
and can make you imagine....

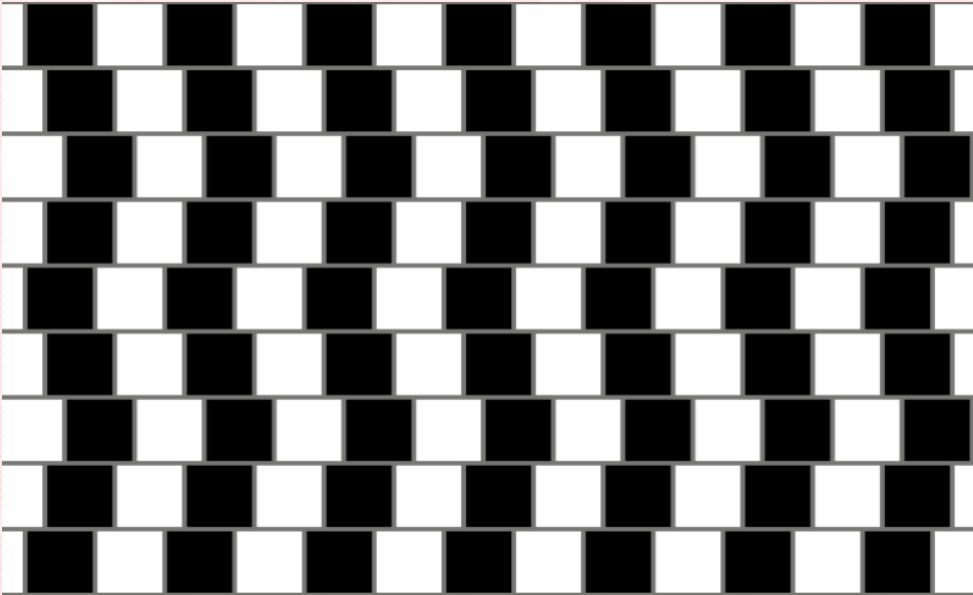


Black Dots

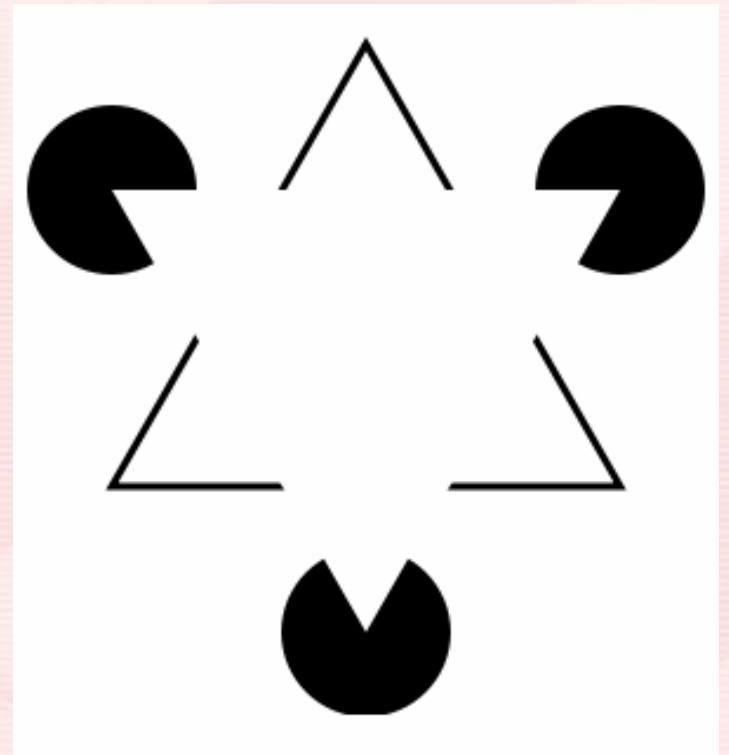


White Dots

...or even make a *straight* line, appear crooked...



Or a shape that's not even there

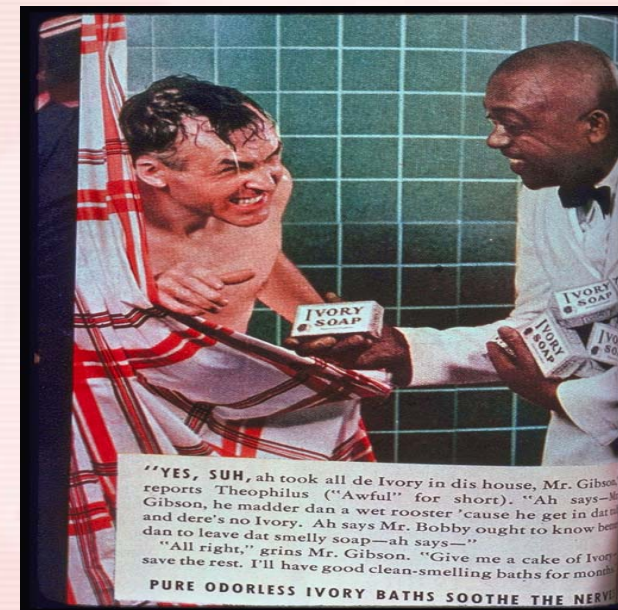
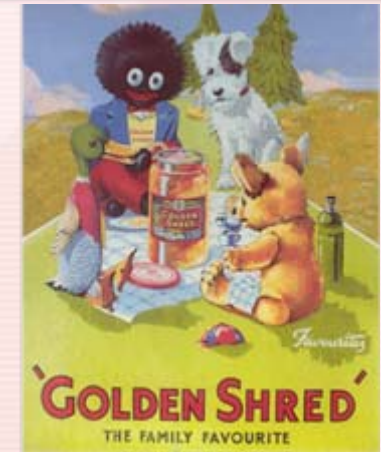
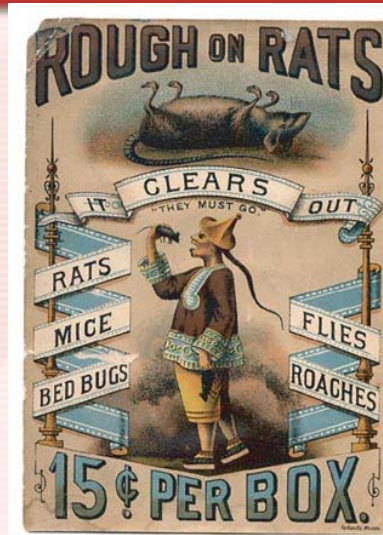


What is the legal definition of “*Discrimination*” ?

“Unfair treatment or denial of normal privileges to persons because of their race, age, sex, nationality or religion. A failure to treat all persons equally where no reasonable distinction can be found between those favored and those not favored.”

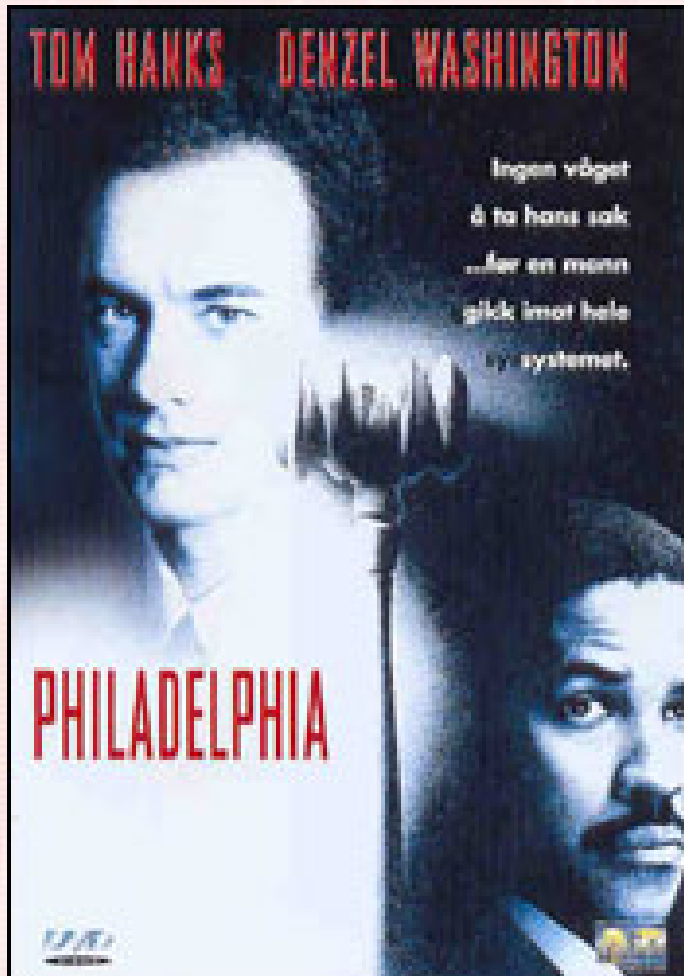
-Black's Law Dictionary

Marketers Historically Used Derogatory Images That Reinforced Racial Discrimination....



Movie “Philadelphia”

Prompted New Protected Class



Joe Miller: “The Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 *prohibits discrimination against otherwise qualified handicapped persons* who are able to perform the duties required by their employment.”

Andrew Beckett: “Subsequent decisions have held that AIDS is protected as a handicap under law, not only because of the physical limitations it imposes, but because *the prejudice surrounding AIDS exacts a social death which precedes the physical one.*”

Joe Miller: “This is the essence of discrimination: formulating opinions about others not based on their individual merits, but rather on their membership in a group with assumed characteristics.”

Protected by Law



Federal Law covers:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Disability
- Familial Status

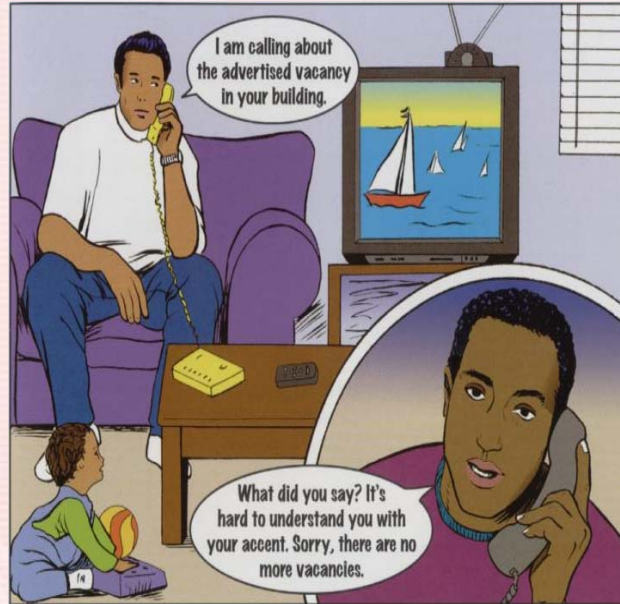
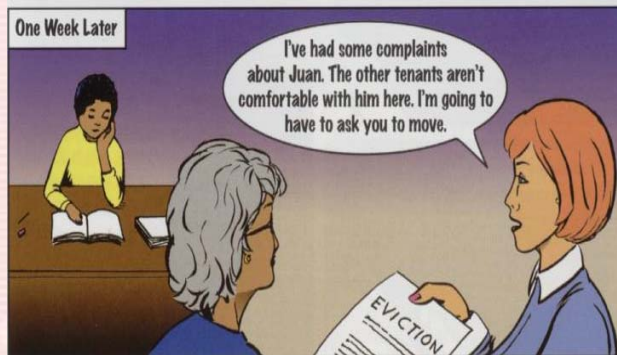
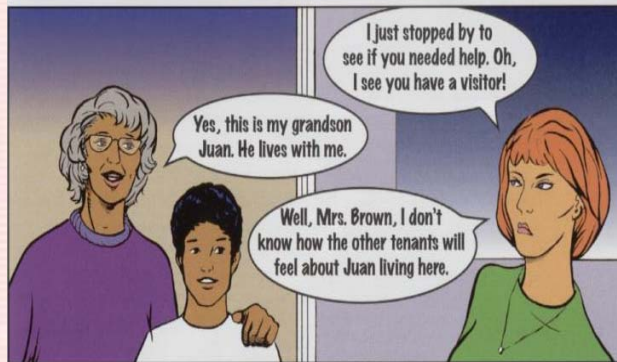
*Some Federal Agencies add
Political Beliefs/Affiliations

Hawai'i Law adds:

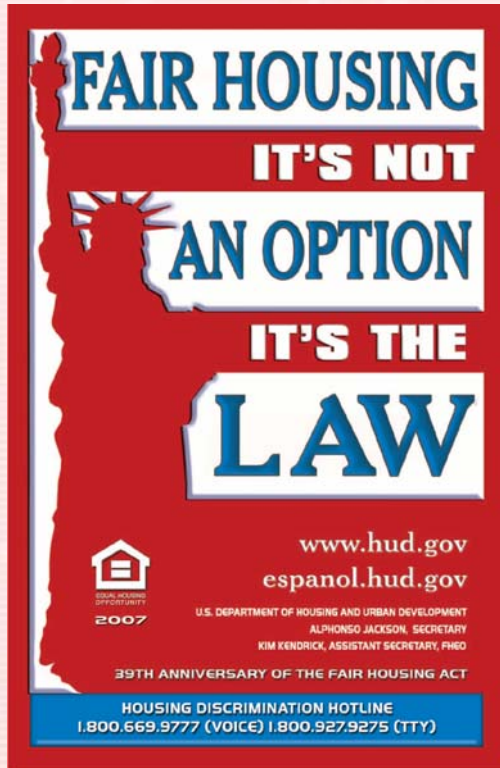
- Marital Status
- HIV Infection
- Age
- Ancestry
- Gender Identity or Expression
- Sexual Orientation
- Breast Feeding

What Do You Think?

Images in Current U.S. HUD Brochure



Current U.S. HUD Fair Housing Posters: What Do You Think?



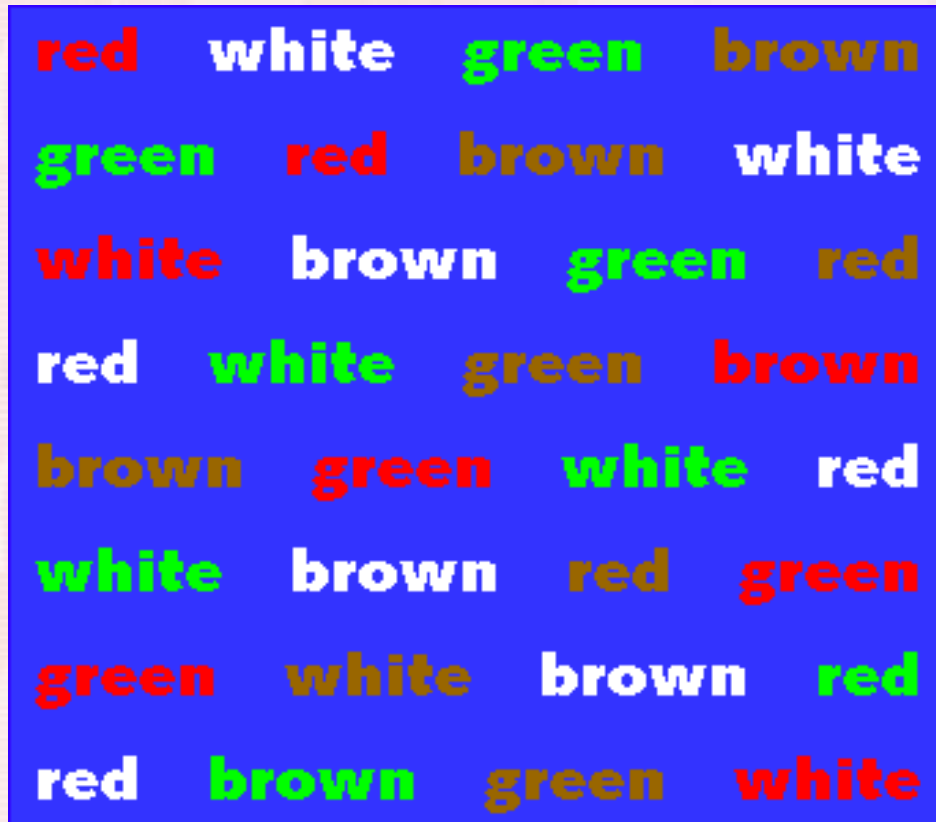
Food for thought...

We might be puzzled by the deliberate placement of the Statue of Liberty image next to the Russian and Middle Eastern languages.

However, had such foresight at the start of World War II, it might have avoided much of the stress of the internment camps.

Let's Reinforce the *Written Law*, Not the Person's Color !

Start at the top and say the *actual* color, not the *written* word.



The “Stroop Test,” invented by John Stroop in 1935, psychologically tests our mental ability to stop one response in order to do something else.

Coming May 2008 in 6 Languages

Mayor Mufi Hannemann • City and County of Honolulu



Department of Customer Services **Frequently Called Phone Numbers**

Abandoned Vehicles	733-2530
Building Permit Office	768-8220
City Council	768-5010
Complaints Office	768-4381
Drivers License	532-7730
Senior Helpline	768-7700
Mayor's Office	523-4141
Motor Vehicle Registration	532-4324
Pothole Hotline	768-7777
Real Property Assessment	527-5510
Refuse Collection Services	768-3401
Tree Trimming (Parks & Rec.)	971-7151
City Information	768-4385
City Website	www.honolulu.gov

English
Japanese
Korean
Mandarin
Tagalong
Vietnamese

How Do We Continue to Remove Our
Stereotypes in Communicating With our Clients?

Bias- Free Language

Bias-Free Language

Councilman	Council Member
chairman	chair person
fireman, policeman	fire fighter, police officer
draftsman	drafting technician
handicapped, invalid	person with a disability (or be specific)
man and wife	husband and wife, partners
manmade	artificial, handmade, synthetic
man hours	staff hours; staff / work time
master, slave	first (primary) copy, second copy
middle man	intermediary
waiter, waitress	server

Bias-Free Language

Eskimo	Inuk (singular) Inuit (Plural)
Hispanic, Latino, Latin American	A prime example of the complexities of terms related to nationality
Indian	American Indian, Native American (or better, name the person's tribe)
Oriental	Asian (or be specific)
Racial Codes: Welfare, inner-city, underprivileged	Do not use a a euphemisms for racial groups

Guidelines for Achieving Bias-Free Communication

Be aware of words, images and situations that suggest that all or most members of a group are the same. Stereotypes often lead to assumptions that are unsupportable and offensive.

Example: A writer who describes a *Martian child as well-dressed* may be unconsciously portraying this as an exception to a stereotype that *Martians are unkempt*.

Avoid qualifiers that reinforce stereotypes. A qualifier is added information that suggests what is being said is an exception to what is expected.

Example: “A group of *intelligent Martian* students were guests as part of the orientation program.” Would members of the majority population be described in the same way; i.e. the *intelligent Earthling* students?

Guidelines for Achieving Bias-Free Communication

Identify people by identity characteristics only when relevant. Very few situations require such identification.

Examples: “Michael Bloomberg, noted *heterosexual* mayor of New York...” “Twenty-two House Democrats, led by *gay* Democratic Representative Barney Frank...”

Be aware of language that, to some people, has questionable racial or ethnic connotations. While a word or phrase may not be personally offensive to you, it may be to others.

Examples: “*Culturally deprived*” or “*culturally disadvantaged*.” These terms imply superiority of one culture over another. In fact, people so labeled are often bicultural and bilingual. For example, “*Nonwhite*,” implies that white is the standard. In American language, similar phrases such as *non-black* or *non-yellow* do not exist.

Guidelines for Achieving Bias-Free Communication

Be aware of the negative implications of *color* symbolic words. Choose words that do not reinforce bias. In some instances, *black* and *yellow* have become associated with the undesirable or negative.

Examples: *black* hearted and *yellow* coward

Avoid patronizing language and tokenism toward any racial or ethnic group.

Example: Once-a-year articles or special editions about a particular group may be interpreted as *cultural tokenism*, especially when such a group constitutes a large part of the community. This approach may suggest that that racial or ethnic group is out of the mainstream.

Guidelines for Achieving Bias-Free Communication

Substitute substantive information for ethnic clichés.

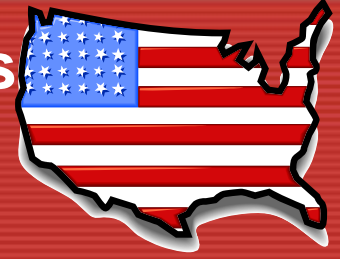
Don't let ethnic clichés substitute for in-depth information.

Example: A person of Pacific Island heritage might prefer to be asked about family history or real estate experiences than about surfing or dance.

Review marketing media to see if all groups are fairly represented.

Examples: Are persons portrayed in positions of authority almost invariably white? Does your marketing media provide diverse racial role models?

And Remember Access to Government Services is a Civil Right



Granted by the U.S. Constitution

- Civil rights include the right to free speech, to privacy, to equal protection and due process.
- The right not to be discriminated in government services falls under equal protection which means that everyone shall be treated equally no matter the race, sex, religion or national origin.

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